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Note verbale dated 3 April 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting drafting proposals on the revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1)

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Nepal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and has the honour to communicate herewith its comments on paragraph 39 of section II and new paragraph 4 bis of section III of document A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1, entitled "Draft Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects".

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Annex

Drafting proposals submitted by Nepal on the revised draft Programme of Action

Section II, new paragraph 39

To promote a culture of peace **in order to prevent conflicts and lessen demand for small arms and light weapons*** by encouraging education and public awareness programmes on the problems of illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, involving all sections of society.

Section III, new paragraph 4 bis

States, international and regional organizations should, in the context of combating illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, also undertake measures to strike at the root causes of conflicts by addressing the problems of underdevelopment, poverty and insecurity.

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* Additional words in paragraph 39 of section II appear in bold.